

WLU Student Government Association

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2024

Location: Student Leadership Center

I. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call called to order at 9:00 PM

II. Approval of last week's minutes

Motion and a second:

A. Senator Sydney Wedeven

B. Senator Ashley Law

III. Guest Speaker

A. Andrew Lewis

- Student Success Center
 - Peggy Howe retired
 - Cassie - hired
 - 3 full-time staff members
 - 2 Grad students
 - McMillin Learning - 350 freshman filled out survey
 - Another check in around Thanksgiving to see if anything was different or changed
 - Homesickness
 - Absent from class
 - Tips and tricks for problems they may be having
- 1st Generation Grant - \$5,000 for 1st Generation Students
 - Use money as a celebration for 1st year students
- More tutors (especially in math)
- RISE: Reshaping Impact for Students and Employers
 - Junior / Seniors on their next step after college
- Open from 8am-10pm for anyone who needs help

Senator Tiana:

Students in the past have been scared to reach out and go to the SSC; how would you make it a positive thing and easier for students to go?

- Try to make it more open and inclusive
 - Trying to make it open to the whole 1st floor of the Library
 - Food and coffee
 - Not just for academic support
 - Work a lot with athletic teams (some are required to go)
 - Seeing that there are more people around

Treasurer Joe Ferch:

Switching to TutorTrac; is there a referral system to refer someone to a tutor or visa versa

- TracCloud
 - Takes tutoring out of it; separation
 - A lot more actions and things they are still figuring out

IV. Officers' Report

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Programming

President:

- Reminder: Check WLU email for SGA communication
 - Email was sent out about sub-committees; did not read the whole email
- Student Life Subcommittee
 - WLU headcount is 2,284
 - Does include dual-enrollment students
- Campus Safety Series:
 - AED / CPR Training : **October 9th**
 - QPR Training : **October 16th**
 - General Safety : **October 23rd**
 - ALICE Training : **October 30th**
- Welcoming new Student Senator: Daisy Deaton
 - Will be inaugurated at next week's meeting
- Ordering t-shirts and name tags this week
- Luke Sweat ACS Committee Chair - Congratulations!
 - Advisory Counsel of Students
 - Meet monthly and talk about bigger initiatives
 - Hunger Free Campus Act this year

VP:

- We will be doing Trick or Treat on the quad on October 31st
- Headcount for fall graduates - ordering stoles soon if needed:
 - Fall: 0
 - Spring: 7

-We are giving out Halloween fidgets

Treasurer:

- Current budget is \$18,656.11
- Funding Packet review is currently underway
- Met yesterday and will be meeting again on Thursday
- Total estimated allotment to clubs = \$3,200
 - Possibly more
- Number of Funding Packets over \$400 is 3

Secretary:

- The SGA Retreat is October 11th from 6-8pm
- Tentatively will be held at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center across campus
 - Will know for sure by Friday what location we are going to use
- Please send me any dietary restrictions you may have
- This is a REQUIRED event
 - If you cannot attend; let me know as soon as possible (email me or the SGA email, please refrain from a text message or GroupMe)
 - Attendance will be taken
 - University sanctioned events are excused, anything outside of that needs to be approved
- If you no-call no-show, you will get a NEGATIVE programming hour

Director of Programming:

- Homecoming Week:
 - **Sunday 13th**: Banner presentation and food truck
 - **Monday 14th**: Celebrity Server (11am-2pm); Serenades walkthrough (9pm)
 - **Tuesday 15th**: Serenades (9pm)
 - **Wednesday 16th**: Tent Day and Voting (10am-2pm)

- **Thursday 17th**: Pep rally (7pm)
 - **Friday 18th**: Blood Drive / Canned Food / Clothing Drive (Led by Student Life) ; Campus Cleanup (2pm)
 - **Saturday 19th**: Parade (10am); Tailgate (8am-1 hour after the end of the game); Crowning of the King and Queen (Halftime); After Party at Dirty Dog (Time TBD); Glow Bowling in the Union (10pm-1am)
- Signs-ups for Homecoming week activities during meeting

V. Committee Reports

Membership, Finance, Programming, Aladdin, Marketing, Technology

- **Membership**: Constituents, please come up and sign in at the end
- **Finance**: Photography Club Funding Packet Presentation
- **Programming**: Sign up for Homecoming week
- **Aladdin**: To-Go program
 - Not been too progressive because students aren't joining the program
 - How can we get students to join the program?
 - Why is there an end date
 - Nancy tried 16 times between social media, flyers, etc.
 - You can email Nancy to schedule a time to pick up the Tag
 - Wants everyone on the same page to sign up and get them at the same time
 - Hard to get a focus group
 - A lot of hoops to jump through to participate
 - Didn't seem as simple as it should have been
 - **Tabling, multiple days?**
 - Was harder to get people to stand in line and wait to get it
 - Work with the marketing committee to get another social media post out there
 - Have a drop off?
 - After hours drop off
 - Getting the tag back
 - Expand it or leave it
 - Use your phone or TopperCard
 - People didn't know about the program and or weren't informed enough about it and people were getting mad
 - Confusion on how the program works
 - Guest meal swipes for the AllAccess, 14, and 12 Meal Swipe: 5 swipes
 - BearNecessities CANNOT open an hour early
 - The items that people were asking for are not at Starbucks since they're open earlier

- Friendsgiving; Gingerbread contest; Collab with Rocky; Pizza with Nancy (2 dorms/month)
- Healthier options in vending machines
- All employees had to go through a 4 hour training course and pass an exam for the temping
- **Marketing**: Meeting possibly next week?
 - Get with Aladdin
 - Flyers for Hoco
 - Weekly or Biweekly meetings
- **Student Outreach**: Reaching out to Clay Club and Topper Thrift to get the ball rolling
- **Government**: Hunger Free Campus Act
 - Access to State ears so higher-ups can hear us
 - SGA members go to Charleston?
 - Food insecurity, homelessness, retention in college
 - Asking for help from Senators this year

VI. Old Business

Discussion stemming from last week's meeting:

VII. New Business

Motions/Votes stemming from last week's meeting:

Senator Ashley Law:

- Next Safety meeting is next Thursday
 - If anything needs brought up, let her know

VIII. First Open Discussion

Only SGA members may speak

Senator Kenz Infanti:

- Ice machines
 - Too expensive
 - Cannot get big industrial ice machines
 - Could get about 7 smaller ice machines to put in the dorms
 - Maintenance and upkeep would be difficult
 - Marcella will let us know after she talks to the committee

President Jenna Maguire:

- Need a motion to move the October 15th meeting to next week, October 8th

- Serenades is that day
- We would have 2 weeks off

Motion: Senator Tiana Tauber

Second: Senator Chloe Eltringham

Meeting October 15th will be moved to October 8th

Senator Gia Campbell:

- Drink machine in Boyd Hall only takes cash

IX. First Constituent Time

Any non-SGA members may speak

Advisor Sarah Fonner:

- Pat Kelly is Director of Purchasing
 - Can email him
 - Likes the idea of ice machines BUT there are a lot of logistics
 - Might be better to get the industrial ice machines because the halls are full and would break easily/get stolen
 - Will update
 - Could start as a pilot program and get machines in some buildings to see how they go

Senator Maddie Sprigg:

- Some of the cards don't work

Senator Baird Mead:

- Only takes topper dollars NOT dining dollars
- Senator Gia Campbell is going to do Photography Club's Funding Packet presentation
 - Asking for funding for Andy Warhol Museum tickets : asking for 15 tickets -\$165
 - 5 x 11 Picture Frames (one per month) for Contest Winners of each month
 - Oh Snap Photo Booth Rental - \$485 (try to get for tailgate at Homecoming)

-If we like it, could bring it back for more events and opportunities

-Where would it be placed?

-Closer to the ASRC so some people don't ruin it for future events

- Workers will be there so they can keep order
- Does it get cheaper per hour if we rent it longer?
- Have they taken this idea to Student Life?
 - Not worried about getting Photography Club's name out there
 - Just wanted this as a student; think students will love it
 - Student Life can also help direct people to the photo booth
- Possibly split cost with Student Life to possibly get more time

X. Second Open Discussion

Only SGA members may speak

President Jenna Maguire:

- Does anyone not have grades uploaded in Sakai; Yes
 - Some professors don't upload grades
 - Some students don't get to know their number grade
 - Professors will take attendance but won't upload it to Sakai
 - Working with Student Success because not knowing grades can hurt students
 - Some professors might not know how to work Sakai; not user friendly

Secretary Abby Salzman:

- Some students who have the 75 Block Meal Plan cannot see how many swipes they have left.
 - Hayden with Aladdin will talk to Nancy and get back to us

Senator Chloe Eltringham:

- Breezeway area
 - Empty trophy case and trash can
 - Putting something in there and cleaning it up
 - Follow up next meeting

Senator Baird Mead:

- Parking issues
 - Parking ticket debacle
 - Where they can and cannot park
 - No parking so getting ticketed for finding a spot
 - Getting better signs / painted spots

- Campus Police gives us a rundown on where we can and can't park and times
- Simple social media post to specify
- Library parking lot needs better specified
- Can we better paint the spots to clarify where students and faculty can park?
- If they're getting ticketed, give a little memo on where they can park
- Maps with green and red lines on ticket / card

Senator Tiana Tauber:

- Very large pot holes in the back of Topper Village
 - Terrible parking in the back of Topper Village also
 - Bring to Safety Committee: Senator/Representative Ashley Law
 - No Guard Rail

XI. Second Constituent Time

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Advisor Sarah Fonner:

- Parking signs also take to Safety Committee : Senator/Representative Ashley Law
 - Potholes are going up to the back parking lot
 - Should be able to see 75 Block Meal Plan in E-Accounts
- Will follow up on that

XII. Executive Session (If needed)

Motion and a second. Only SGA members may stay.

Motion: Senator Luke Sweat

Second: Senator Sydney Wedeven

XIII. Adjournment

Motion and a second:

- A. Senator Luke Sweat
- B. Senator Abby Calvert